

COLD WAR OVER BETWEEN LIBERALS AND EVANGELICALS

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According to the Ecumenical News International (Nov. 20, 1997), the general secretary of the National Council of Churches in America (NCC), Joan Brown Campbell, has stated that the "cold war" between the NCC and the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) is over. She said this was evident by the speech given before the NCC in 1996 by NAE president Donald Argue, by continuing consultations between Argue and the NCC, "as well as other meetings including Argue and the chairman of the Roman Catholic bishops' ecumenical committee."

The National Council, founded in 1950, is the successor to the liberal Federal Council of Churches. It represents 34 denominations which claim a combined membership of 52 million. These include most of the theologically liberal mainstream denominations, such as the United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian Church USA, and the American Baptist Convention. We have documented the apostasy of many of these denominations in reports which are at the Denominations section of the End Times Apostasy Database at the Way of Life web site. Some of these reports are also contained in the Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity.

The National Association of Evangelicals, formed in 1942, claims to be committed to the infallibility of the Bible. It should be called the National Association of NEW Evangelicals. Its membership includes 48 entire denominations, 43,000 churches from 70 other denominations, and 255 parachurch ministries and educational institutions, such as Campus Crusade for Christ, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Total constituency is said to be more than 27 million. The NAE is dominated today by Pentecostals and Charismatics. According to the Spring 1992 issue of Time Lines, published by the North American Renewal Service Committee, "The classical Pentecostal denominations now account for 80% of the membership in the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE)." Though this figure might be exaggerated, there can be no doubt that the Pentecostal-Charismatic influence is vast and very few "evangelicals" are willing to separate from it. NAE president Donald Argue is an Assemblies of God minister. The Pentecostal-Charismatic movement is the glue for the ecumenical movement. It has brought Protestants and Baptists together with the Roman Catholic Church. It has brought "evangelicals" together with modernists.

The president of the NAE, Donald Argue, made history in 1996 by speaking at the National Council of Churches general assembly. NCC general secretary Joan Campbell, a divorced American Baptist clergywoman, was quoted by the press as saying: "DR. ARGUE COMES WITH THE BLESSING OF HIS BOARD, and I think this makes it more significant." Both Campbell and Argue said shared issues--from racism to pornography--have promoted new communication between their groups.

The extremely radical National Council of Churches has sponsored such things as the Re-imagining conference in Minneapolis in November 1993, at which hundreds of women from various mainline denominations applauded lesbianism and worshipped the goddess Sophia. Our report on this entitled "WCC Conference Honors Sophia Goddess, Gives Ovation to Lesbians," is in the Modernism section of the End Times Apostasy Online Database at the Way of Life web site. It is also in the O Timothy Computer Library. The O Timothy library contains many other articles which expose the rank apostasy of the National Council of Churches as well as that of its international partner, the World Council of Churches.